

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) An absorbent article comprising an odor control system including a non-crosslinked reaction product of dry cellulose fibers bonded with and a partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent reacted in the presence of heat ~~for a time sufficient~~ to cause dehydration[[,]]; the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent being selected from the group consisting of a partially neutralized HMCA, a partially neutralized PCA, and combinations thereof; the absorbent article being capable of suppressing odor from at least ammonia.

25. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein ~~the cellulose fibers are treated with~~ partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a partially neutralized HMCA selected from the group consisting of partially neutralized citric acid, malic acid, tartaric acid, and combinations thereof.

26. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of Claim [[24]] 25, wherein ~~the cellulose fibers are treated with~~ partially neutralized HMCA comprises partially neutralized citric acid.

27. (Original) A diaper comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

28. (Original) Training pants comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

29. (Original) Swim wear comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.

30. (Original) Absorbent underpants comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
31. (Original) A baby wipe comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
32. (Original) An adult incontinence product comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
33. (Original) A feminine hygiene product comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
34. (Original) A medical garment comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
35. (Original) An underpad comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
36. (Original) An absorbent drape comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
37. (Original) A bandage comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
38. (Original) A medical wipe comprising the absorbent article of Claim 24.
39. (Canceled)

40. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a partially neutralized polycarboxylic acid.

41. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises about 25-100% by weight of a partially neutralized hydroxyl multi-carboxylic acid.

42. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises about 50-100% by weight of a partially neutralized hydroxyl multi-carboxylic acid.

43. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent has a degree of neutralization of about 15-95%.

44. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 43, wherein the degree of neutralization is about 30-90%.

45. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 43, wherein the degree of neutralization is about 50-80%.

46. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a chelating agent.

47. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, wherein the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent comprises a salt of a transition metal.

48. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 47, wherein the transition metal is selected from zinc, cadmium, zirconium, chromium, titanium, copper, and combinations thereof.

49. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of Claim 24, ~~comprising~~ wherein the reaction product comprises about 1-40% of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers ~~in the odor control system~~.

50. (Currently Amended) The odor control system of Claim 24, ~~comprising~~ wherein the reaction product comprises about 3-30% of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers ~~in the odor control system~~.

51. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of Claim 24, ~~comprising~~ wherein the reaction product comprises about 5-20% by weight of the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent based on a combined weight of dry odor control agent and dry cellulose fibers ~~in the odor control system~~.

52. (Currently Amended) The absorbent article of Claim 24, further comprising cellulose fibers which are not ~~treated~~ reacted with the partially neutralized carboxylic acid odor control agent.

53. (Previously Presented) The absorbent article of Claim 24, further comprising a superabsorbent material.